

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday October 15, 2012 @ 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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Chairman Kimball:

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1. OPEN FORUM-Award to WRPS' Charlie Tilden a "Rockland's Best Award"

~Larry Chaffee presented a citation on behalf of the Town of Rockland to honor Charlie Tilden for his years of service to the Town. On behalf of the School Department John Retchless also made a presentation. Dave Murphy of WRPS added his warm regards to Charlie for all his help and service.

~Charlie Tilden thanked everyone in appreciation of the award and spoke of the enjoyment he had volunteering for the last 26 years

Dave Ebata new Branch Manager of the South Costal Bank introduced himself to the BOS and the community.

MINUTES

2. Open Session Minutes of October 1, 2012-tabled

3. Executive Session Minutes of October 1, 2012-tabled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Beech Street Solar Project

~TA Chiocca informed the BOS the Beech Street Solar Project had received approval of the post closure permit application. NextSun Energy has received the approval from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to install the Solar Panels at the Landfill. DEP has also approved the purchase of 1 acre of land adjacent to the Landfill which will enable the Town of Rockland to be in compliance with the Order of Conditions for the Landfill.

~Mary Mancini Rockland engineer for the site from CDM emphasized the importance of the 1 acre purchase and the DEP post closure permit approval in order for the project to go forward. This removes the most difficult aspect of the project getting under way. Hanover approved the use plan for the property.

~Jim Paul Chair spoke for the members of the Beech Street Solar Energy Committee and reminded everyone the last hurdle is the tie-in with National Grid. NextSun has applied and is awaiting final costs, schedule and coordination with the utility.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Election Warrant

~TA Chiocca formally read the November Election warrant into the record.

6. Holiday Stroll-Pam Murphy

~Pam Murphy appeared before the BOS to update the Board on the plans and progress. Santa will be the special guest of Rockland and will be accepting visitors at McGoun-Biggins again this year. The event will close Union Street from 4 to 7 pm on November 24th, 2012

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

10.

~Rail Trail Clean-up went well this past week end. Reminded residents not to use the trail as a dumping ground for leave debris or other items.

~The Tri-Town Veteran's Day Parade will be at 1pm on Sunday, November 11, 2012 in Abington.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Kimball:

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Mr. Minahan

~asked about the status of the ramp at the Community Center and was informed the project is nearly complete.

~requested a trash barrel be placed near the BAT Bus site in front of the Community Center. He will work with the Board of Health to resolve.

Mr. Chaffee ~No Comments

Ms. O'Brien ~No Comments

Chairman Kimball

~Reminded the public the last day to register to vote is October 17th

30. MOTION to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for...

~Negotiations Strategy discussion

~Further discussion of pending Grievances...

and not to reconvene by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed by Roll Call Vote 4-0.

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice Chairman
For the Rockland Board of Selectmen

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.